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conduct some experiments. Well, these are not experiments at When you know the outcome of a process, you're not dealing all. an experiment, you're dealing with a demonstration. with already know from point A to point B what is to happen, and you know what the outcome is to be. What you're doing by putting the child through the demonstration is to see if he or she paid attention and does each step in the way that it's prescribed. If it's an experiment, you cannot grade the child wrong or incorrect for not reaching a predetermined end, because when you're dealing with an experiment you don't know what the outcome is. So we have to be more careful in our terminology in talking to our children and teaching them, and it will teach them, in addition to the subject matter, how to be more precise and careful. It will teach us to be more precise and careful. Our thinking will not be as fuzzy and we will be better Now the reason I said I want to talk about the difference between demonstrations and experiments, as far as the Legislature is concerned, Senator Beutler pointed out that the rules change which you all adopted, that I think was a farce, is an experiment. Nobody knows how it's going to be applied. Nobody knows how it's going to be effectuated. In that sense it might be an experiment. What I'm doing is a demonstration. showing what it is that I can do in the legislative setting. I had said in advance what I would do and I told you that on occasion I will inform you when I'm doing it, other times I won't, I'll just catch you by surprise. Old Senator Schellpeper, sitting over there, will be just kind of rocking along, then he'll bring up his bills and let everybody carry a pistol, hide a pistol in any item of clothing they want to, or under any item of clothing they want to. I want to see Senator Chris Peterson hide a pistol behind those glasses that she wears. Now I shouldn't have said that, 'cause somebody in the gun industry is going to produce one. But Senator Schellpeper's bill really is about money. The gun industry is the only one which has been able to get people to talk about everything except their true motivation, and their motivation is to make as much money as they can, and the way to do that is to sell as much of their product as they can, to as many people as they can, for as much money as they can get. So they get us to arguing guns don't kill people, people do. I saw a cartoon, editorial cartoon in the World-Herald the other day, and the caption was, this is why the gun lobby is not asked to counsel